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Inventor: Randall A. Addington, et al.

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115	110	215 55 Extension for reply within first month	
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119	320	219 160 Notice of Appeal	
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Request to Substitute a Corrected Petition

Included with this Fax is a copy of the 37 C. F. R. 1.181 Petition Under 37 C. F. R. 1.113(a) Petition (5 pages), which was earlier sent today by fax at 12:27pm on 02/18/2002. Applicants' attorney believes the Petition as earlier sent, inadvertently and by mistake was sent missing the last page 5, starting with "or that," or was sent with an incorrect last page, which is about the grant of a petition to make special, and is not related to this Petition.

If Applicants' attorney is correct in his belief that the Petition as earlier sent is missing the last page 5 or was sent with an incorrect signature page 5, Applicants' attorney requests this attached 37 C. F. R. 1.181 Petition Under 37 C. F. R. 1.113(a), (5 pages) with the correct signature page 5, replace the Petition copy sent by fax earlier today as set forth above, and that this Petition sent with this fax cover be made of record in this application.

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37 C. F. R. 1.181 Petition Under 37 C. F. R. 1.113(a)

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This Petition is Timely Filed

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4. Examiner's Objection, without supporting record facts, showing why a drawing is required for Applicants' method claims or what steps of the claimed method were not shown in the drawings, failed to meet the Standard of Review, was so vague or ambiguous, that it precluded a thorough development of the issues to be considered and denied to Applicants a reasonable opportunity to cure the Objection or respond by rebuttal to what was in fact, or reasonably appeared to be, a rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph, for lack of support in the specification..

5. On Remand, The Board stated,

On a more substantive level, the explanations of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, . . . [is] . . . So ambiguous that they have precluded a complete and thorough development of the issues to be considered on appeal.

See Remand, page 4.

6. The Objection made to the drawings, was argued by appellants to the Board, as appearing to be part of the same ambiguous rejection for failure of the specification to support the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph.

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8. The Board's Remand , identifying deficiencies in Examiner's final rejection requires that an examiner's action "... 'will be complete as to all matters', in compliance with 37 C. F. R. 1.104(b)," (see Remand, page 4), compels Examiner by considerations of "basic due process," (see Remand, page 5), to "identify each limitation in the claims which is believed to lack support in the specification."

9. A review of Examiner's Objection to the claims as lacking support in the specification's drawings, would resolve an issue which, when left to Examiner's conclusions without record supported facts, would deny to Applicants a complete examination and basic due process (see Paragraph 8, above referring to the Remand requiring Examiner's action be complete and compelling due process).

10. As the Remand now requires the Examiner to cure the deficiencies of his Final Action, this juncture for filing this Petition is appropriate as requesting consistent due process related correction of Examiner's Objection made to the drawings, under Rule 1.83(a).

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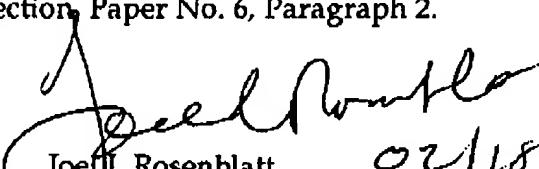
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